

TOWN OF GRANBY
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 8, 2014

PRESENT Chairman David Tolli, Aurelle Locke, Richard Van Nostrand, Wayne Cahoon, Deb Sheahan and David Askew.

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission approves (5-0-0) the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting with the following corrections to the Notice of Violation:

- Under paragraph 2 – the depth of top soil added to the area was zero to two and a half feet.
- Under paragraph 3 – the last sentence should read: The clearing has gone far beyond what was permitted.
- Under paragraph 4, the first sentence – “the site” should be replaced with “a portion of the site as shown to Mrs. Zhovkliy on a map supplied to her by Mr. Askew”.
- Under paragraph 4, the second sentence should read: Soils are to be removed and the area as shown on the previously mentioned, supplied map with boundary markings must be left to return to its natural state.

APPLICATIONS

2a. 62 Lost Acres Road, pond treatment and suction dredging, John Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins described the pond clean-up process that was developed with Dr. Robert Kortmann. The method is to use alum to clear the water. Sediment will then be removed with a vacuum-like machine. Retrieved material will be placed into silt bags and placed along the shore allowing water to drain. Once the bags have dried out, the material will be used for gardening material on the Jenkins property. Mr. Jenkins supplied the commission with the permit he received from the State of Connecticut.

A public hearing in the public interest is scheduled for next month’s meeting.

2b. 15 and 22 Allen Road, removal of shoreline vegetation on Manitook Lake, Todd Kennedy, William Curtis and Mar DesMarais

Mr. Kennedy introduced Michael Lennon of Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) whose company comes to Manitook Lake twice yearly to reduce lake vegetation. Mr. Lennon worked with the neighbors on the plan. The plan is to clear 270 feet of shoreline area on the elbow channel of the lake. A hydro rake is to be utilized to remove approximately six feet of sediment and vegetation on the floating island that has grown. The area to be cleared is just under quarter of an acre. Mr. Kennedy states that the purpose for the clearing is to be able to access the water with canoes.

The previous owner installed telephone poles to hold the shore. Mr. Kennedy plans to remove them to restore the natural shoreline. The mud/silt and vegetation waste removed from the lake will be left in a depressed area on the owner’s property to allow it to dry out. That material will then be used as fill on the property.

The process is expected to take 40 hours (or one week) to complete. The DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) has verified that the planned activities fall outside of any areas of concern for sensitive habitats.

The commission agrees to hold a public hearing on this matter at the November meeting.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

3a. 216 West Granby Road, septic system replacement in upland review area, Joseph Rangasammy (owner) with Tom Grimaldi (applicant)

Mr. Grimaldi, engineer for the project, had Thomas Pietras, soil scientist flag the wetlands. The current septic system failed and a new one is required. In planning for the new system they looked for the highest and driest location on the property. An engineered system with pump chamber is necessary. The current well will need to be relocated as well. As proposed, this is the only option for a new system on this property.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Van Nostrand, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission delegates to its wetland agent, David Askew, to sign the request as the work does not fall in the wetland area.

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. Mr. Askew reports that he sent a certified letter to Mr. and Mrs. Zhovkliy, 218 West Granby Road. The letter is an agreement for the owners to comply with the items required for remediation since activities were not permitted. Deadline for reply/application was October 8, 2014. Nothing has been submitted. Mr. Askew requests that an extension be given to allow him time to meet with the Zhovkliys for a conversation on the matter.

The commission agrees to leave the item for the November meeting.

ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS

The next monthly meeting is November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Van Nostrand, the commission unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 8:00 p.m. (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yost
Recording Secretary